

United Nations Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) – 20 May 2019, Vienna

Hate Crimes Prevention Workshop

PROGRAMME

DATE: Monday 20 May 2019, 3pm

VENUE: UNODC Vienna International Centre, M-building

THEME: The responsibility of effective, fair, humane and accountable criminal

justice systems in preventing and countering crime motivated by

intolerance or discrimination of any kind

CHAIR: Ambassador Gabriela Sellner (Austria), Second Vice-Chair CCPCJ

INTRODUCTION: John Brandolino, Director UNODC Division for Treaty Affairs

MODERATION: Natalia Ollus - Director of the European Institute for Crime Prevention

and Control

COORDINATION: International Centre for the Prevention of Crime, Canada

OBJECTIVES:

- To provide the most current information on preventing and countering crime motivated by intolerance or discrimination of any kind
- To discuss options, good practices and innovative approaches for digital-age criminal justice systems that address hate crime in a way that is effective, fair, humane and accountable
- To put forward features and initiatives related to the care and prevention of hate crimes based on gender identity and sexual orientation.

Time	Participants	Topic
3:00-3:15 pm	Chair CCPCJ Second Vice-Chair, H.E. Ambassador Gabriela Sellner	Introduction to workshop
	John Brandolino, UNODC, Director, Division for Treaty Affairs	Introduction to theme of workshop
	Moderator Natalia Ollus - Director of the European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control (PNI Representative)	
	Dr. Phil Birch, Charles Sturt University, Sydney, Australia	Detecting and Countering Hateful Content Online: A Large-Scale Machine Learning Approach
	Dr. Ryan Scrivens, Simon Frasier University B.C. Canada	Detecting and Countering Hateful Content Online: A Large-Scale Machine Learning Approach
	Nelly Morin, International Center for the Prevention of Crime, Quebec, Canada	Hate crimes based on sexual orientation and Gender Identity, an overview of global trends and prevention modalities.
	Dr. Joanna Jamel, Kingston University, London, U.K.	Transphobic Hate Crime: A Global Perspective
5:15-5:45 pm	Moderator Natalia Ollus - Director of the European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control	Questions and discussions
5:45 pm	Chair CCPCJ Second Vice-Chair, H.E. Ambassador Gabriela Sellner	Closing remarks

Panelist Biography and Presentation Abstract

1) Dr Philip Birch Centre for Law and Justice, Charles Sturt University, Australia:

Biography:

Dr. Philip Birch, B.Soc.Sci.(Hons); P.G. Cert. (HEP); P.G. Cert. (SSRM); P.G. Dip. (Soc.Sci.); MSc.; PhD is a Senior Lecturer in Criminology in the Centre for Law and Justice at Charles Sturt University, Australia. He has previously held posts at the University of Western Sydney, the University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia and the University of Huddersfield, in United Kingdom. Prior to entering academia Philip worked as a criminologist in the field, holding posts in the UK prison service as well as in the crime and disorder field, which involved managing a specialist crime unit. Philip is internationally published including books. book chapters, peer reviewed articles and Government reports in his main areas of research - offender management & rehabilitation; police, prisons and probation practices; gender symmetry violence with a particular focus on domestic family violence; and sex work. He has secured over \$830,000 in research funding and support grants, which has addressed a variety of themes within his areas of expertise. Philip holds an honorary research fellowship at the School of Psychology, University of Central Lancashire, UK, as well as a Senior Research Associate at the Ashworth Research Centre, Mersey Health Care, National Health Services, UK. He is also a fellow of the Higher Education Academy (FHEA) in the UK. Philip was the co-founder and inaugural editor in chief of the Journal of Criminological Research, Policy and Practice (JCRPP, 2014-2017). He currently holds the position of editor in chief of Salus: an international journal for law enforcement and public safety (2018 - Present) and also sits on the editorial board of the Journal of Aggression, Conflict and Peace Research.

Presentation Abstract: Hate Crime from the Perspective of Prevention, Disruption and Reduction

This presentation will explore hate crime from the perspective of prevention, disruption and reduction. Offering insight into the context, setting and prevalence of hate crime; as well as evidencing nuances that reveal the complexity of this crime, this paper recognizes that there is not a 'one size fits all' with regards to responding to hate crime. Four themes are considered in this paper: 1. Defining Hate Crime; 2. Offenders of Hate Crime, 3. Victims of Hate Crime; 4. Addressing Hate Crime. Of interest is evidence relating to offender motivation and the impact hate crime has on both direct and indirect victims. The implications of this evidence is considered in relation to responses by the criminal justice system, in particular, those offered by the police.

2) Dr. Ryan Scrivens, Simon Fraser University, B.C., Canada Biography:

Dr. Ryan Scrivens is an incoming Assistant Professor in the School of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University (August 2019). He is currently a Research Associate at the International CyberCrime Research Centre at Simon Fraser University, a Visiting Researcher at the VOX-Pol Network of Excellence, an Associate Editor of Perspectives on Terrorism, and a Horizon Postdoctoral Fellow at Concordia University, working with Project SOMEONE to build resilience against radicalization to violent extremism. Dr. Scrivens conducts problemoriented, interdisciplinary research, with a focus on the local, national, and international threat of terrorism, violent extremism, and hatred as it evolves on- and offline. His primary research interests include terrorists' and extremists' use of the Internet, right-wing terrorism and extremism, preventing and countering violent extremism, hate crime, research methods and methodology, and computational social science. His research can be found in, amongst others, Terrorism and Political Violence, Studies in Conflict and Terrorism, Behavioral

Sciences of Terrorism and Political Aggression, Deviant Behavior, and Critical Criminology. Dr. Scrivens has presented his research before the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, the Swedish Defence Research Agency in Stockholm, and the Centre of Excellence for National Security in Singapore, to name a few. His research has been funded by Public Safety Canada, the Canadian Network for Research on Terrorism, Security and Society, and VOX-Pol. His work has been featured in over 100 new stories (television, radio, print) and covered by an array of national and international media sources, including BBC News, The New York Times, and CBC News.

Presentation Abstract: Detecting and Countering Hateful Content Online: A Large-Scale Machine Learning Approach

It is becoming increasingly difficult, nearly impossible really, to manually search for hateful content online and on a large scale because the Internet contains an overwhelming amount of information. These new conditions have necessitated guided data filtering methods that can side-step the laborious manual methods that traditionally have been used to identify relevant information online. In this presentation, I will discuss the applicability of a specific set of machine learning techniques that we have used at the International CyberCrime Research Centre to conduct large-scale data analyses of hateful content online. First, I will describe a customized web-crawler that was developed for the purpose of collecting, detecting, and interpreting hateful material on the Internet. Second, I will provide an overview of a relatively novel machine learning tool, sentiment analysis, which has sparked the interest of some researchers who are faced with new challenges in detecting hateful content online. Third, I will discuss the future applicability of sentiment analysis and how such a tool – and others – can be used to detect and counter hateful content online.

3) Nelly Morin (ICPC)

Biography:

Ms. Nelly Morin has studied international and European law, social work and social science research and her work experience has combined these three areas for over ten years. Her professional career includes several years of social support in France, including working for the Ministry of Justice with teenagers and young adults who have fallen into crime. She promoted their social reintegration through personal, social and professional well-being. Since 2017, she has been working as an analyst and project manager at the International Centre for the Prevention of Crime, based in Montreal, Quebec. This role requires her to call upon both her academic and her empirical knowledge. She specializes in social rehabilitation, the prevention of radicalization leading to violence, and the prevention of hate crimes. She oversaw the development of the Report on Hate Crimes based on Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation presented below.

Presentation Abstract: Hate crimes based on sexual orientation and Gender Identity, an overview of global trends and prevention modalities.

This presentation will focus on the prevention of hate crimes based on sexual orientation and gender identity. It will be divided into three parts: The first will provide details on the impetus provided by the international scene, and by regional organizations, to prevent these hate crimes. In particular, we will see that universal human rights treaties appear to be essential as a basis for regional strategies. The second part will look at the types of prevention programmes implemented. Our study revealed that programmes for the prevention of hate crimes based on sexual orientation and gender identity focus on: a) universal prevention to encourage the inclusion of all realities; b) secondary prevention, especially among young people, and among particularly vulnerable groups (notably trans people); c) preferred places for prevention: workplaces, schools, health services and law enforcement; d) tertiary

prevention for victims; e) restorative justice as a holistic approach (direct victims, indirect victims and perpetrators). We will promote the importance of NGOs and collaboration with LGBTQ+ communities across the board. Lastly, we will discuss the obstacles to the implementation of prevention programmes, including the legislative aspect, the impact of media attention and the political spotlight, the lack of a regional strategy directly affecting the budgets allocated to actors in the field, and finally, the limited knowledge of these crimes.

4) Dr Joanna Jamel BA(HONS); MA(Crim); MSc. (Inv. Psych), Kingston University - London, U.K.

Biography:

Joanna's multi-disciplinary background combines sociology, criminology, investigative and forensic psychology perspectives which inform her research on marginalised, underresearched and underserved communities. A key focus of her previous research was on male rape within different contexts. She evaluated the specialist policing response of Sexual Offences Investigative Technique (SOIT) officers of the London-based Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) to male victims of rape. In other research, she investigated the incidence of client-perpetrated sexual violence against male escorts in London; and examined the print media representation of male rape. Joanna is internationally published in these respective fields and her research findings were disseminated to Project Sapphire, the MPS Crime Academy, and other police forces on request to inform their specialist training of SOIT officers. She has also presented her research at national and international academic and practitioner conferences. Her current research interests include transphobic hate crime which she has recently written a book about of the same name. In addition to which, she has written on international penal policies and their impact upon trans people in prison. The aim of all of her research is to (i) raise awareness of the challenges faced by members of marginalised communities when interacting with the criminal justice system, its agents and wider society; and (ii) to inform policies to reduce the barriers experienced when reporting sex, sexuality and gender-based crimes while simultaneously improving service provisions for these survivors in the community and penal estate.

Presentation Abstract: Transphobic Hate Crime: A Global Perspective

This presentation will examine (i) the nature and prevalence of transphobic hate crime (TPHC), the impact of intersectionality on victims/survivors; (ii) the different types of TPHC; (iii) the diversity of transgender or trans people often overlooked within academic literature or homogenised when taking an Anglo-American perspective. In this presentation, the experiences of trans people in our global community are referred to in an effort to be more inclusive and examine what may be learned from other cultures in order to inform policy when addressing TPHC. Also explored here is the impact of legislation on the mobility of trans people, whereby they need to consider the level of legal protection from TPHC when travelling. Furthermore, institutionalised transphobia is highlighted as this can play a contributing factor to the perpetration of TPHC with regard to the perpetration of everyday micro aggressions against trans people. The challenges experienced when reporting a crime to law enforcement officers are also discussed. Finally, suggestions are made based on the available literature and the findings of the recent ICPC International Hate Crimes Report that may be used to inform policy and recommendations for further research.